

Honourable Claire Trevena  
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Honourable Adrian Dix  
Minister of Health  
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April 2, 2020

Re: BC Ambulance Service Emergency Access to our Community – Emergency Request

Dear Ministers,

The Corcan Meadowood Resident Association and the Little Qualicum River Village represent 2500 people living in an isolated community North of Qualicum Beach. We have just been informed that our local volunteer firefighters are no longer responding to medical calls. As a result we are now completely dependent on the Provincial Ambulance service.

Our Emergency Access gate connecting us to the Inland Island Highway at Nahmint Road is decommissioned and left barricaded due to previous issues with vandalism. This is forcing the Ambulance service to undertake a significant detour in order to respond to calls within our community. This extra travel could add up to an additional hour for our residents to be responded to and then transported to medical facilities. We feel this is completely unacceptable during this unprecedented emergency in our Province.

We urge that this vital access be reopened immediately and that the Provincial Ambulance service be directed to once again utilize this access on calls into our community. It would take a minimal effort to do this and will potentially save lives. Please help us during this unprecedented crisis as we have many vulnerable people living in our community. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Chris Burger, President, Corcan Meadowood Residents Association

Trish Curtin, President, Little Qualicum River Village

cc: MLA Scott Fraser

cc: Director Leanne Salter RDN